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SUBJECT: JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS SEIZED

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CINCSO FOR POLAD

1. IN FURTHER DEMONSTRATION OF GOU DETERMINATION TO CONTROL FISHING WITHIN ITS 200- MILE MARITIME TERRITORIAL CLAIM, URUGUAYAN NAVY HAS RECENTLY CAPTURED TWO JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS.

2. BOTH VESSELS BELONG TO THE JAPANESE " SUMIYOSHI FISHING COMPANY" AND WERE DETAINED IN SEPARATE ACTIONS MARCH 28 AND MARCH 30 APPROXIMATELY 80 MILES OFF THE ATLANTIC COAST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ROCHA. BOTH VESSELS WERE BROUGHT TO PORT OF MONTEVIDEO AND ARE NOW BEING DETAINED PENDING DETERMINATION OF FINES. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, VESSELS ARE QUITE MODERN AND HAVE CAPACITY OF APPROXIMATELY 200 TONS OF FISH EACH.

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3. AS IN PREVIOUS CASES OF VESSELS DETAINED FOR FISHING WITHOUT GOU LICENSE, FINES TO BE IMPOSED WILL PROBABLY BE QUITE HEAVY. URUGUAYAN LJ SPECIFIES SEIZURE OF FISHING CATCH, ALL FISHING GEAR, AND PAYMENT OF FINE AMOUNTING TO 5 TO 50 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF EACH VESSEL AND ITS CATCH, " DEPENDING UPON THE GRAVITY OF THE INFRACTION". JAPANESE CHARGE LAST WEEKEND TOLD ME THAT HE EXPECTED FINE ON FIRST VESSEL SEIZED TO BE IN NEIGHBORHOOD ITALY), R. LOOSCH (FRG), R GIBSON (ESRO), AND H. KALTENECKER (ESRO) WILL ATTEND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON. ON APRIL 17 ESRO AND NASA OFFICIALS PLAN TO DISCUSS NASA- ESRO AGREEMENT AT JOHNSON SPACE CENTER IN HOUSTON. FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON MAY 2 AND 3. GIBSON ADDED LATER THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF PARTICIPATING EUROPEAN NATIONS WILL BE AT ALTERNATE

NOT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. LEVY AND HOCKER WILL ATTEND FROM ESRO WHICH IS PROVIDING SECRETARIAL SERVICES.

4. GIBSON SAID LEVY WOULD LIKE TO HOLD PRELIMINARY MEETING WITH RESTRICTED ATTENDANCE DURING AFTERNOON OR EARLY EVENING OF MAY 2. PURPOSE WOULD BE TO LAY OUT PLANS FOR CONDUCT AT FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM WHETHER ESRO PLANS ACCORD WITH WASHINGTON AND WHETHER REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY MEETING IS ACCEPTABLE.
IRWIN

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